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## Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. These documents have been cited in a search report in a corresponding European application. One copy of each of the listed documents and a copy of the search report are attached.

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contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Applicants hereby petition that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office. Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$180.00 for the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached.

Documents FA to FC are not in the English language. However, the concise explanation of the relevance of the documents under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 is believed to be satisfied by English language abstracts contained therein or submitted herewith. The concise explanation of the relevance of the documents required under 37 C.F.R. § is also believed to be satisfied by submission of a copy of the European Search Report (MPEP 609A(3)). Please also note that documents FB and FC correspond to English language patent publications, i.e., U.S. patent application publication No. 2002/192554 Al and U.S. patent No. 7,192,673, respectively.

Please note that the document cited in the search report but

not enclosed with this IDS, WO 02/21616 A, was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the Office on December 23, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 111833 for any additional fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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European Search Report

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